

reiterate that I'm disappointed the Withem plan didn't get approved and, as a result of that, I think the Conway plan jeopardizes this bill. It is subject to I think a reasonable veto and ought not to be advanced because then that would cause us to have to go into special session, which we don't want to do and wouldn't need to do if we'd be willing to compromise a little bit on this issue. So, again, I encourage you to keep open minds and perhaps we can find another way to address this that is less unfair than the current makeup of this bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I'd call the question.

SENATOR WARNER: Question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Clerk, record.

CLERK. 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Debate has ceased. Motion is to advance 615 to E & R for engrossment. Senator Conway, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Simply in closing just urging the advancement of the bill. I think that it's, like I say, in pretty good form and we talk about the republican and democrat registrations. There's a dominance of republican registration in the State of Nebraska, but we also know that Nebraskans are not locked into such a scheme for choosing their representatives, whether it be in the Legislature or even at the national level. We've got a dominant registration of republicans statewide and yet we have democratic Governor, we have two U.S. Senators that are democratic and were elected in a republican dominated area. I think it's a question of the candidates that are there, and the numbers we're looking about are looking at a point something or other percentage differences in many cases of what we're arguing about. I don't think, and I agree with Senator Wesely, I don't think this needs to be all that partisan at all. I think it's a question of if the districts basically represent the people in terms of that percentage of representation as the way they are, that is a pretty representative map of what those district makeups really are, rather than trying to manipulate them and put them all in one category and pull all into another to try to, you know, to me, to address it in that regard, that is